

## **Institutional Profile for American College of Education**

**Background** American College of Education began as Barat College at Lake Forest, Illinois. In October 2005 the institution was renamed to its current name. American College of Education was located in Chicago, Illinois before moving administrative offices to Indianapolis, Indiana in 2011. The institution also has offices in Dallas, Texas. The current institutional offices are located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the building in which the Commission offices are housed. During the past 16 years of operation in Indiana, the Commission has received one formal student complaint.

**Institutional Control** Private, for-profit institution.

**Institutional Accreditation** The institution is accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The accreditor originally granted accreditation status in January 2005. More recently accreditation was reaffirmed in 2014-2015, during which comprehensive evaluations occurred in September 2014 and July 2015. The next reaffirmation of accreditation will occur 2024-2025, during which a comprehensive evaluation will occur.

The institution has been granted Candidate status by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education programmatic accreditation for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing and Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing degree programs.

**Participation in NC-SARA** The American College of Education has been a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Partner since December 2015. The institution is one of four private, for-profits in Indiana to participate in SARA.

**Participation in Student Financial Aid** Students attending the institution are not eligible to receive Title IV funding. However, undergraduate federal student loans may be granted forbearance while enrolled in graduate programs at the institution. The institution does not currently participate in state financial aid.

**Campuses** The institution offers all programs via distance education.

**Enrollment** The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) lists a total enrollment of 5,503 students in the fall of 2018 at American College of Education.

**Programs** The institution offers programs at the certificate, baccalaureate, master's, graduate certificate, and doctoral levels. Programs range from a Certificate in Higher Education to a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership. Most programs offered are in the field of teacher education. Currently the institution offers nearly 40 programs in the teacher education field.

**Financial Responsibility Composite Score (FRCS)** In Fiscal Year (FY) ending December 31, 2019 the institution had an unpublished FRCS of 2.1.